



In Iceland, one in ten people will publish a book in their lifetime. Perhaps this is due to the tradition of jólabókafloð (meaning, Yule book flood), the tradition in Iceland of exchanging books at Christmas Eve. Families on Christmas Eve exchange books and eat chocolate and read together. What an amazing cultural phenomenon which could only have contributed to Reykjavík being designated a UNESCO City of Literature in 2011.

One of the lovely things about Christmas in the Jones house, is the purchase of the 'Christmas book'. It is a wonderful tradition to go and buy a book to read over the Christmas break. This weekend we went to Skipton and went into the book shop to see which books were available this Christmas.

We all have super traditions and I hope you have a great Christmas together. I would not be doing my job as an educator if I didn't encourage reading for pleasure. I hope that you will be able to find the time, interest and finances to encourage reading using the books at school, library and/or develop your child's love of reading by helping them choose books that they might love.

It has been my delight, to encourage reading at home with Year 1, 2 and 3 over the past few weeks. I have purchased books for the children to recognise the effort they have made in reading the usual expected amount of reading each week. I hope the children will enjoy the books they will be bringing home. When reading at home it also provides a point of discussion for the teachers to share the book they have enjoyed in the week. I am sure they will have a super book to discuss when they return in January.

Have a lovely Christmas together.

Mr Jones



READING FOR
6 MINUTES A DAY
REDUCES STRESS
BY 68%.

Children who read
1,000,000 words
a year are in the
top 2% of reading
achievement.

When children have a
home library, as little as
20 books of their own,
they achieve **3 more years**
of schooling than children
who don't have any
books at home.

Children learn
4,000 to 12,000
words per year
through reading.

Kids in classrooms
without classroom
libraries read **50%**
less than kids in
classrooms with
libraries.

If you read just **one** book
a day to your child, they will
have been read **1825** books
by their 5th birthday.

Every Day Counts.
Every Book Counts.

Only 35% of 10-year-olds
in England report that they
like reading 'very much'.

This lags behind countries
like Russia (46%), Ireland
(46%), New Zealand
(44%), and Australia
(43%).

Adults with lower levels of
literacy are more likely to
believe that they have little
impact on political
processes, and are less
likely to participate in
volunteer activities.

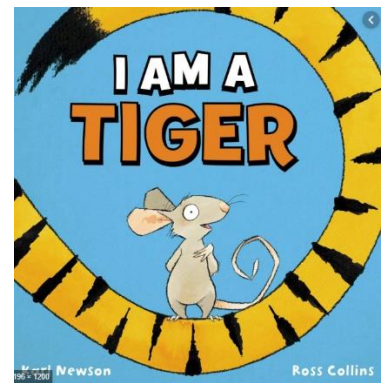
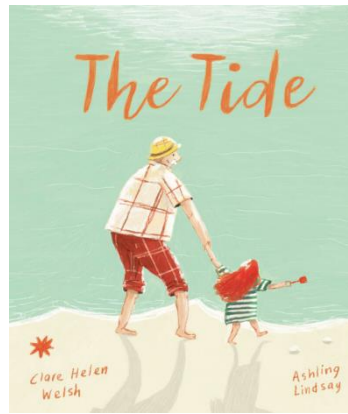
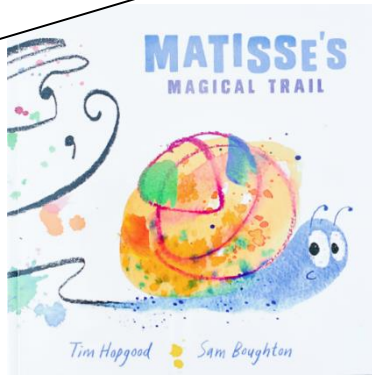
Higher literacy skills are
associated with a range of
positive societal benefits,
including having a stronger
sense of belonging to
society and being more
likely to trust others.

Studies have shown that those
who read for pleasure have
higher levels of self-esteem and
a greater ability to cope with
difficult situations. Reading for
pleasure was also associated
with better sleeping patterns.

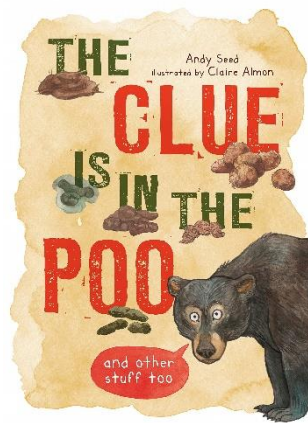
Read **20 minutes** a
day and you'll read
1,800,000 words
per year.

Mr Jones' Book Club Recommends

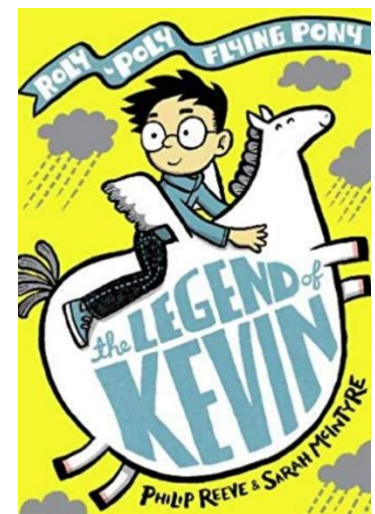
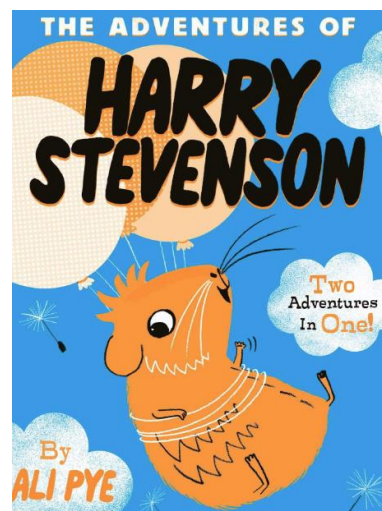
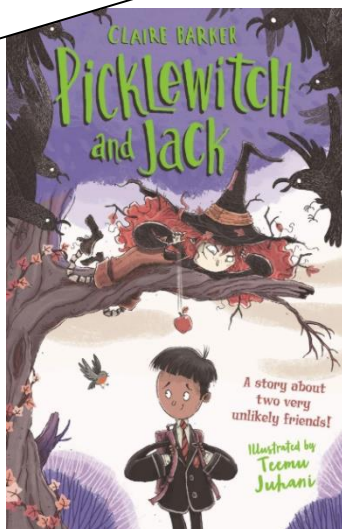
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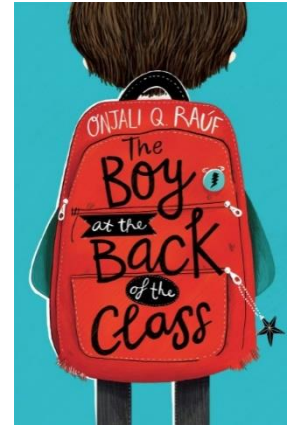
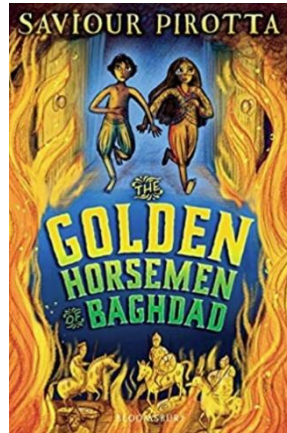
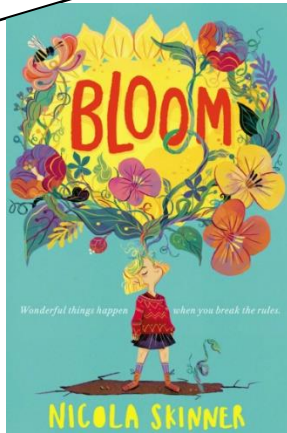
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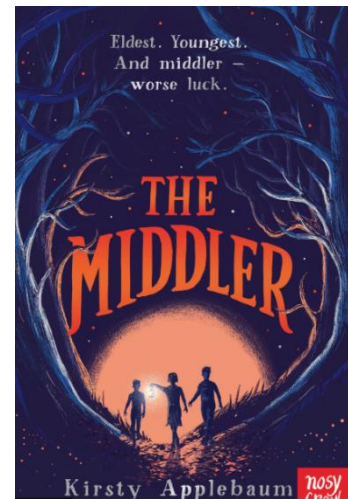
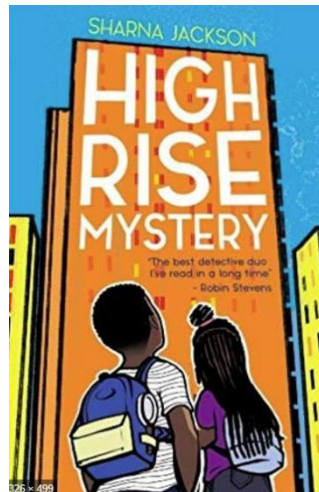
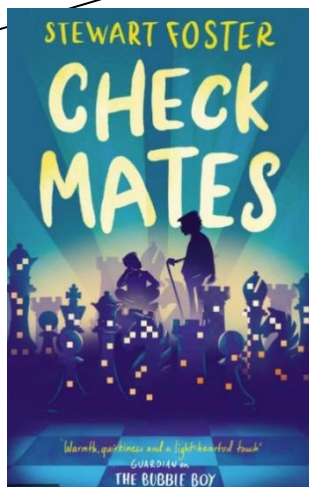
Read Aloud



Quality Fiction



Moving on...



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5.30pm to 7pm
Wednesday: Closed
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Friday: 1.30pm to 5pm
Saturday: 10am to 12.30pm
Sunday: Closed

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